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**IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF MEXICO  
FOR OVINE SEMEN EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES**

The semen must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian accredited by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and endorsed by a Veterinary Services veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the consignor and consignee, and complete identification of the semen to be exported. Additional information shall include:

**I. Identification**

1. Name and address of the facility producing the semen;
2. Identification of the donor animal;
3. Date of collection of the semen;
4. Identification of semen ampules, straws, or tubes;
5. Number of doses from each donor;
6. Amount (units) in each straw, ampule, or tube;

**II. Health Requirements**

1. Of the country:
  - 1.1. The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease without vaccination, rinderpest, sheep and goat pox, and peste des petits ruminants.
2. Of the center/facility:
  - 2.1 The center/facility is directly supervised and controlled by a USDA-accredited veterinarian.
  - 2.2 The center/facility keeps a daily health record of all animals at the center/facility.
3. Of the donor animals:
  - 3.1 The donor animal is not affected with or has not been exposed to scrapie, and/or

did not originate from, or has been on any premises which then were infected or were source flock premises, and is not the progeny, sire or dam, or full or half brother or sister of any animal found to be affected with scrapie, and has not been moved from premises located in an area quarantined for scrapie.

3.2 The semen was collected from animals free of clinical brucellosis and vibriosis.

3.3 The donor animal/s was/were negative to tests for the following diseases within 6 months of collection:

a. Brucellosis: Brucella ovis, Complement fixation (CF) test OR ELISA test.

4. Of the semen:

4.1 The semen was extended using additives/diluents not containing pathogenic organisms.

4.2 Only sterilized flasks and fresh liquid nitrogen that have not been used for any other purposes have been utilized for said storage.

### III Other Information

1. Mexican authorities recommend that the genetic quality of the donors be verified.

2. The U.S. Origin Export Health Certificate must be typewritten. Certificates that are handwritten will be rejected by the Mexican Animal Health authorities.